

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

**L.R. No.:** 1314-02

**Type:** Original

**Bill No.:** HB 697

**Date:** March 17, 2015

**Subject:** Civil Procedure; Courts

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**Bill Summary:** This proposal modifies provisions relating to expert witnesses.

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis

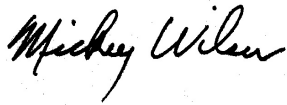
**Oversight** was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Office of Prosecution Services** and the **Office of the State Public Defender** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

In response to similar legislation filed this year, SCS for SB 233, officials at the **Office of the Attorney General** assumed that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

FISCAL ANALYSIS (continued)

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal. Also, this legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.



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